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News worth sharing.

▶ Senior producer Nick Kowalchuk outside the Gas Station Theatre, one of the venues for the Winnipeg Comedy Festival.

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We love to laugh

- The Winnipeg Comedy Festival sees a 26 per cent increase in ticket sales
- Organizers attribute sales to theatre productions and reaching out to Winnipeg's ethnic communities

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Turns out Howie Mandel cancelling was a good deal for the Winnipeg Comedy Festival.

Marketing and communications director Anne Dawson said a quarter of the tickets for the festival's main gala were sold after Corner Gas star and stand-up comic Brent Butt agreed to fill in for Howie Mandel at the eleventh hour.

"Our artistic director ... at 10:30 at night called (Butt) and called his agent and we had a response within 10 minutes," said Dawson. The gala sold out for the first time, she added.

Dawson said just under 12,000 tickets were sold over the festival's April 1-10 run, the most sold in the festival's 10-year history.

Maybe, maybe not

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Ice, winds worsen flooded roads

Yesterday's windy, cold weather has wreaked havoc with floodwaters around southern Manitoba, forcing the closure of more than 350 highways and municipal roads due to overland flooding.

About 190 people were evacuated from Peguis First Nation, and the hospital in Gladstone and a personal care home in Wawanesa was pre-emptively evacuated due to rising floodwaters.

Brandon declared a state of emergency after 700 homes were threatened due to an overflowing retention pond, which has now been drained.

Another bridge was damaged on PR 348, south of Brandon, bringing the total up to six bridges closed due to ice-jam damage.

Ness Avenue has reopened after Sturgeon Creek stabilized.

The Red River is now expected to crest near the beginning of May, and is expected to be 0.3 feet higher than the 2009 flood. No prediction on crest dates for the Assiniboine River has been given.

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▶ Workers continue to build dikes along various rivers.

As beatification nears, Pope John Paul II's critics sharpen their knives. Scan code for story.

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One-third cheesy musical and two-thirds enormous latex chin — it's Mulroney: The Opera. Video at metronews.ca

Sure, fans are in, but what about businesses?

Greater Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal 3 most suitable cities for new NHL teams: Report ◐ 'Peg at 7

If the NHL were to return to Winnipeg tomorrow, would the business community support it?

After a report from the University of Toronto listed Winnipeg No. 7 on a list of 12 Canadian cities that could support an NHL team, and a report from Sportsnet, citing unnamed sources, on the possibility of the Phoenix Coyotes being shipped to Winnipeg after the playoffs, we contacted prominent local businesses and asked them the follwoing question: Would you consider corporate season tickets if the NHL returned to town?

Here's what some of them had to say on the subject:

▶ **Salisbury House, Duncan Owen:** "Salisbury house is an iconic Winnipeg institution and is always happy to support local sports, but in terms of actually purchasing club seats, we would have to look at the conditions."

▶ **Nygard International Ltd., Sharon Clarke:** "We haven't done it in the past, but that's not to say we wouldn't do it."

▶ **Lone Star Harley Davidson, Marjorie Danylchuk:** "We're in the club seats now, so probably."

▶ **MTS Allstream, Selena Hinds:** "It would be premature to comment on anything to do with the ongoing rumors about the NHL."

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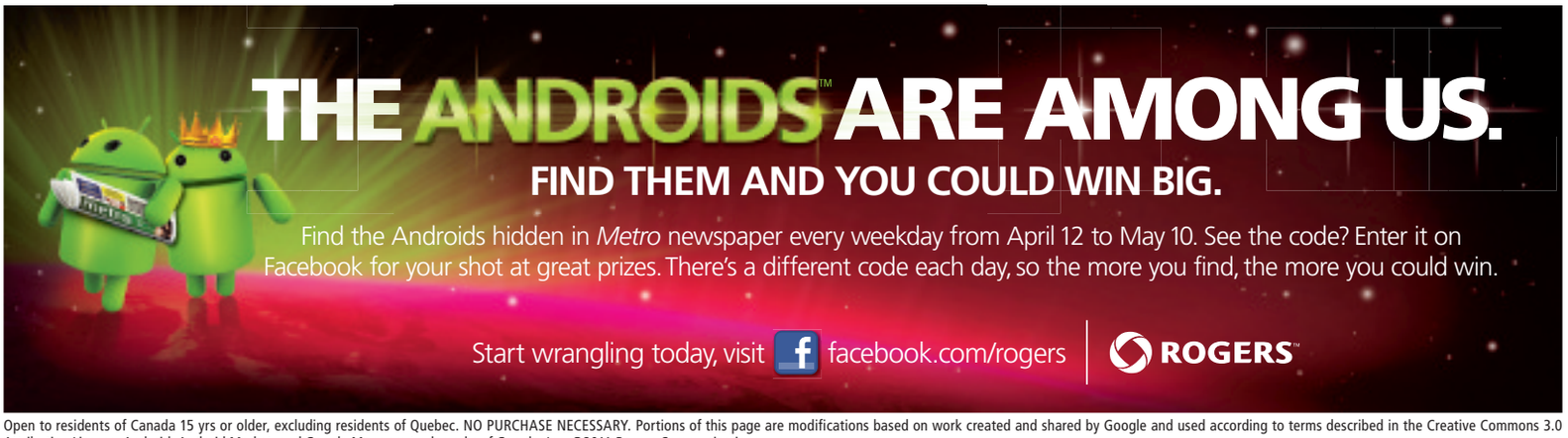
▶ Waitress Sheila MacCoy poses outside Salisbury House's Esplanade Riel location.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There's a jazz joint coming to town

Owner will contact Winnipeg Jazz Festival and U of M faculty of music to reach Winnipeg's jazz community

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Jazz enthusiasts will soon have a new hangout on Winnipeg's downtown strip.

A new jazz club, called Juss Jazz, is opening on June 1 at 240 Portage Ave. The club will fill a gap in the music scene and cater to the city's jazz enthusiasts of all ages, said the club's owner.

"The reason why I chose Winnipeg is because I like Winnipeg," he said, adding he wants to keep his involvement in the club a secret for now. "I think this will be phenomenal for Winnipeg because it's a big jazz town."

"We're trying to target the people that have a genuine love for jazz music."
'SECRET' OWNER STARTING JAZZ CLUB

He also explained the jazz market is a niche that has yet to be filled.

"Jazz musicians don't really have a home to call their own, and that's something that's lacking here," he said.

Juss Jazz will play exclusively jazz music. It will have nightly performers, acting as both a jazz club and a forum for established jazz musicians and those who are still up-and-coming.

MORGAN MODJESKI/FOR METRO

▶ Juss Jazz will take over the old Soup Pierre spot.

Road conditions just a tweet away

Want to know if the road is closed between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie? Check Twitter.

Manitoba Highways is now tweeting out road conditions to motorists. Note: it's still illegal to check your Twitter updates while driving.

Interested motorists can follow @MBGov on their twitter feeds. Road conditions can still be checked on the government of Manitoba website.

No word on when they'll have an app for that.

ELISHA DACEY

News in brief

Teens nabbed after spree

OSBORNE STREET. Two teenagers were arrested after they went on a short-lived robbery spree Tuesday.

The boys, aged 14 and 15, face charges of theft, breaking and entering, mischief and possession of a weapon. ELISHA DACEY

Convenience store robbed

ARMED. Winnipeg police said no one was hurt after an armed man walked into a convenience store in the 100 block of Osborne Street early yesterday morning and demanded cash from the till. The man fled on foot with cash and cigarettes. Police seek an aboriginal male, about five-foot-nine with black hair. ELISHA DACEY

News in pictures

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1 Work will begin on the Disraeli Freeway Monday, blocking access to the on and off ramps. The city suggests using the Redwood or Louise bridges instead.

2 University of Winnipeg Wesman volleyball coach Larry McKay has been named head coach of the Canadian Men's National Volleyball team.

3 The City of Winnipeg will hold its annual bike auction Saturday and Sunday at Varsity View Sportsplex starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday.

4 Yes, that was snow that fell yesterday morning. The next two days will be warmer, but snow is forecasted again for the weekend. ELISHA DACEY

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Nice guys no longer

French debate is a donnybrook as four leaders take off the gloves

Election 2011

Fireworks lit up the Ottawa sky last night — and there were fireworks inside the conference centre where the televised French-language leaders' debate took place.

After Tuesday's comparatively stiff and staid English debate the four leaders ramped up the rhetoric in a French-language donnybrook.

Stephen Harper's understanding of Canada's system of government came under sustained attack and an exchange on the legitimacy of coalitions was just the beginning of a sharp-elbowed evening.

The effectiveness of corporate tax cuts, the federal long-gun registry, the Tory agenda on crime, harmonized sales taxes — and the import of "Republican values" from the U.S. — made for a rather less comfortable evening for the front-running prime minister.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, looking more animated and engaged than he did in his maiden debate Tuesday, got into several pitched battles with his rivals, notably NDP Leader Jack Layton and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe.

Harper, smiling unflappably into the camera for a second night in a row, once again warned Canadians they will face many more months of similar "squabbling" if they don't elect a Tory majority.

For Harper, the stakes are clear.

The Bloc has held at least half of Quebec's seats in every federal election since 1993.

The Liberals have been reduced to 14 seats.

The NDP won a lone Montreal seat in 2008.

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Power play?

- Jack Layton tried to portray Gilles Duceppe as the coach of a hockey team with no offensive players.
- "You and your team, you're like a hockey team made up of defencemen only," Layton quipped. "The NDP can score goals."

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▶ Starting out as friends: Jack Layton, left, Gilles Duceppe, Stephen Harper and Michael Ignatieff shake hands at the start of last night's French-language televised leaders' debate.

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New Sun News TV anchor not ready for prime time

The right-wing Sun News Network has lost one of its prime-time anchors just days ahead of next week's launch.

Mercedes Stephenson was not suited for the venture and the split was mutual, a spokesperson for the conservative news channel said from Quebec City yesterday.

"The show was not a good fit for her," said Serge Sasseville of Quebecor Media, which also oversees a slew of properties including canoe.ca, TVA, Sun Media, Videotron and Le Journal de Montreal.

"We wish her well."

The Sun columnist and military analyst had been hired to co-host a political series called Daily Brief with David Akin, the Sun's national bureau chief in Ottawa.

Sasseville said the show will continue with Akin as the sole host but refused to provide details about Stephenson's departure.

Stephenson could not immediately be reached for comment.

Sun has announced its first major distribution deal with a cable or satellite television provider.

The arrangement with Shaw Communications Inc. puts Sun News in two million homes in Western Canada and Ontario, starting Monday.

Sun News says it hopes to announce deals with other TV providers soon. Sasseville refused additional comment.

Meanwhile, the digital channel is being made available to Shaw Direct and Shaw Cable customers for a free, six-month preview period.

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Adler a star

- Dubbed Fox News North by critics, Sun News Network debuts Monday with the slogan "Hard news and straight talk."
- On-air personalities include Winnipeg-based talk-radio host Charles Adler and conservative author Ezra Levant.
- Ex-Tory spin doctor Kory Teneycke serves as vice-president of Sun News.

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BARRY BONDS

Baseball star found guilty of obstruction

A U.S. federal jury convicted Barry Bonds of a single charge of obstruction of justice yesterday, but failed to reach a verdict on the three counts at the heart of allegations that he knowingly used steroids and human growth hormone and lied to a grand jury about it.

Following a 12-day trial and almost four full days of deliberation, the jury of eight women and four men could reach a unanimous verdict only on one of the four counts against Bonds.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston declared a mistrial on the others, a messy end to a case that put the slugger — and baseball itself — under a cloud of suspicion for more than three years.

Bonds sat stone-faced through the verdict, displaying no emotion.

His legal team immediately asked that the guilty verdict be thrown out. Illston did not rule on the request and set May 20 for a hearing in the case.

The case also represented the culmination of the federal investigation into the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroids ring.

Federal prosecutors and the Justice Department will have to decide whether to retry Bonds on the unresolved counts.

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Lost in translation: Birth control is holy?

ANDREW MEDICHINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Pope Benedict XVI waves during a general audience yesterday in St. Peter's square at the Vatican. Benedict wrote a preface to a book designed to distill the official catechism into a more easily understandable read for young people.

Youth book implies the Holy See approves of euthanasia, contraception

The Vatican has again been embarrassed by a botched translation of its teachings, with the launch yesterday of an error-plagued book that implies the Holy See approves of contraception and euthanasia.

The errors came to light during a Vatican news conference launching "Youcat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church," a youth-focused compilation of the thick volume of core church teachings. The book, a project of the Austrian, German and Swiss bishops' conferences, is to be given to young people attending this year's World Youth Day in Madrid.

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Botched translation

Monsignor Rino Fisichella, an Italian who heads the Vatican's evangelization office, seemed aghast at the euthanasia terminology.

- Each translation had a high-ranking churchman vouch for its accuracy.
- "Youcat" was prepared in 17 languages — 30 more translations are planned.
- Pope Benedict XVI wrote a preface to the book and on the back cover he is quoted as exhorting: "Study this catechism! This is my heartfelt desire."

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Air traffic controller gets caught snoozing

An air traffic controller was suspended yesterday in Reno, Nev., after being asleep while a medical flight was landing — the fifth lapse so far this year among controllers at U.S. airports. Four involved sleeping controllers.

In response to the lapses, the Federal Aviation Administration announced it was putting a second controller on the midnight shift at 26 airports and a radar facility around the country that currently have only one overnight person.

The controller at Reno-Tahoe International Airport was out of communication for about 16 minutes when the aircraft, carrying at least three people, was landing, the FAA said. No injuries were reported.

Two jetliners landed at Washington's Reagan National Airport last month without tower assistance after the lone air traffic supervisor fell asleep.

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Child escapes sinking minivan

Mother, 3 children drown after van driven into river
Rescuers find victims an hour later in 10 feet of water

A 10-year-old boy escaped through the window of a minivan and swam to shore to get help after his mother drove the van into New York's Hudson River, killing herself and three other children, police said yesterday.

Lashanda Armstrong, 25, drove the minivan into the river off a boat ramp in the city of Newburgh about 8 p.m. Tuesday, shortly after a domestic incident, police said. The van went into the river just six blocks from where the family lived in the faded city about 100 kilometres north of New York City.

Fire Chief Michael Vatter said a passerby saw Lashaun Armstrong emerge from the river, picked up the soaking wet boy and took him to a nearby fire department. Vatter said the boy was so distraught that he had difficulty talking but ultimately told firefighters what happened. Rescuers went immediately to the river but it was too late to save the four victims.

"She was a very good mom. She took care of her kids."

TINA CLAYBOURNE, WHO LIVES NEARBY

In the van with Lashanda Armstrong were Landon Pierre, 5, Lance Pierre, 2, and 11-month-old Lainaina Pierre, police said. Her husband and the father of the three dead children, Jean Pierre, was questioned. Police would not give details of the interview or say if the father had been charged with anything.

Shortly before she drove the van into the river, a relative called police to report a domestic incident at Armstrong's apartment.

Lashanda Armstrong's aunt, Angela Gilliam, who called police, told reporters she spoke to her niece earlier Tuesday and she was "not too good."

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▶ Newburgh resident Cynthia Beadle leaves a stuffed teddy bear in the water where a woman drove her car carrying four children into the Hudson River Tuesday night in Newburgh, N.Y.

Not an isolated incident

A similar incident occurred in 2006, about 30 kilometres south of Newburgh.

In 2007, Victor Han, of Queens, N.Y., was sentenced to three years of probation after pleading guilty to child endangerment.

Han admitted he knew he was putting his daughters at risk when he stepped out of the family minivan on Bear Mountain in June 2006, leaving them with their mother, 35-year-old Hejin Han.

She then drove the Honda Odyssey off a 300-foot drop. The mother was killed but the children somehow survived the plunge.

It's also reminiscent of the case of a South Carolina woman who drowned her young sons in 1994.

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DIRTY LINEN

Soap on the ropes: Cartel fined

Procter & Gamble and Unilever were fined a total of $456 million US yesterday for fixing prices of powdered laundry detergent in eight EU countries. Germany's Henkel AG, another member of the cartel, escaped a fine because it blew the whistle on the others.

U.S.-based Procter & Gamble Co., British-Dutch company Unilever NV and Henkel AG are the leading producers of detergent in Europe. The cartel was started when the companies were in joint talks on how to cut down on packaging, the EU's Competition Commissioner said. They agreed not to reduce prices even though the packages were smaller. The cartel lasted from January 2002 until March 2005.

The detergent case is the third cartel case the commission decided to settle this year. A settlement leads to lower fines but cuts down on investigation costs.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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Gold contracts $1,455.60 US (+ $2 US)

Economy shifting to low gear: Carney

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▶ Persons of interest: Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, right, and senior deputy governor Tiff Macklem make their way to a news conference in Ottawa yesterday.

Expect loonie to stay high for next few years, central bank says

The Canadian economy is entering a period of slow growth under the heavy burden of a strong dollar, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney warns.

The dollar's impact on trade, particularly exports, is a key reason Carney expects the economy to slow sharply in the next two years after a 4.2 per cent growth spurt in the first quarter of this year. Other factors are a tapped-out consumer and government spending restraint.

The bank says the second quarter will see growth brake to two per cent, in part because of auto-sector disruptions caused by the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

On an annual basis, the economy is forecast to slow from 2.9 per cent this year to 2.6 per cent next year.

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Rating game

- **Economists had been** pointing to May or July as the most likely dates for an interest-rate hike from the current one per cent.
- **But the latest outlook** suggests the rate could remain low for much longer, especially since raising it too soon could have the undesired effect of lifting the loonie even higher.

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CUE THE BEARDS, IT'S PLAYOFF TIME

Stock up on chicken wings, cut your phone lines and dump your girlfriend; it's time for the NHL playoffs or, as us Boston Bruins fans call it, the most exciting eight days of the year.

I love the playoffs and, like most relationships, the first two weeks are the best. Canada has hope and the post-season is welcomed as the first burst of spring. By the time the finals get underway, it's too hot for hockey, the Canuck clubs have melted away, and, often, a contender from the Deep South has you wondering how long it will be before the Quito Nordiques defeat the Bogota Maple Leafs in the Copa del Stanley.

But, oh, the next few weeks. The playoffs provide the comfort of a tradition with the excitement of unpredictable pandemonium. It's like going home for Christmas and finding a new family every year. And who wouldn't want that?

Because I am one of Canada's top-three most read columnists on this page, the country has been awaiting my Stanley Cup predictions. And here they are:

• One overtime game will go deep into the night — with dozens of saves, goalposts and close calls — ending only when you decide to take a "quick jaunt" to the bathroom.

• Something spectacular will happen whenever TV decides to have a pointless during-play interview with a parent (on Canadian TV) or second-rate celebrity (on U.S. TV). We didn't need to see that Ovechkin goal, NBC. An unshaven Vince Vaughn in a ball cap is awesome, too.

• Even if the final series is between Nashville and Tampa Bay and involves not a single Toronto connection, media will be abuzz with what it means for the Leafs. ("Lost in all the hubbub over the Stanley Cup championships, is that Mikhail Grabovski and the winning coach wear a similar brand of sock.")

• Don Cherry will applaud the military, laud Canada, and warn players not to showboat, dive, hit from behind, back down from a fight, or get your stick in the way of a shot. Rumour has it he may also wear something delightfully offbeat.

And those are my predictions. You don't even need to watch anymore.

And though I have mocked Don Cherry, you should still remember the words of a certain strangely dressed and plain-speaking Canadian icon when I say: Keep your stick on the ice.

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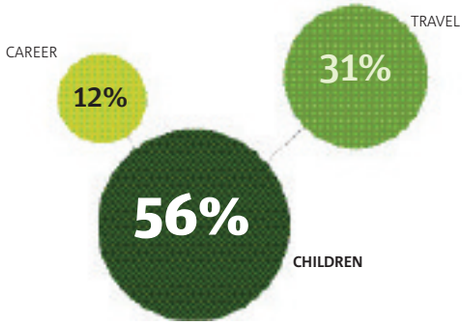

Local tweets

▶ **@thecolinium:** So is there an "anonymous source says the coyotes are moving to Winnipeg" drinking game?

▶ **@CoachRonWilson:** If PHX moves to Winnipeg, when will the people in Phoenix notice?

▶ **@thekidcanada:** MR. HARPER, HOW MUCH DID YOU SPEND ON THESE JETS? AND WHY DOES ONLY WINNIPEG BENEFIT FROM THEM? WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?

▶ **@bruce_arthur:** Meanwhile, hell of a time for Phoenix-Winnipeg relocation reports to break. Whether true or not, what a goofy league.

▶ **@MsBehavior:** You know, #winnipeg last time you chanted #gojetsgo, they went.

▶ **@1stlinegoon:** TSN Radio on opening day saying the Coyotes r moving to Winnipeg after the playoffs? wow. They r gonna look stupid if that doesn't happen

▶ **@JayFeasterGM:** These reports of the #Coyotes moving to Winnipeg are ridiculous. What we should be asking is when is PHX going to get a 2nd NHL team?

Worth mentioning

TORONTO. Alcohol helps the subconscious learn, a new study reveals. But what the back of your brain is learning is that alcohol addiction can make you feel good.

Neurobiologist Hitoshi Morikawa's findings contradict the idea that drinking wrecks your memory. It does, he said, for things like "your colleague's name or where you parked your car this morning."

But his work, published in The Journal of Neuroscience, also found "alcohol may actually increase our capacity to learn" at the subconscious level, helping to explain why alcoholics keep drinking when everything seems to tell them it's bad for them.

Scientists have long known that alcohol releases dopamine, the pleasure transmitter, in the brain. What is important in his new research, says Morikawa, is the finding that alcoholics aren't addicted to the pleasure or release drinking gives them. They're addicted to the subconscious memories of music, intense experience and sociability that alcohol has etched on a part of their brain.

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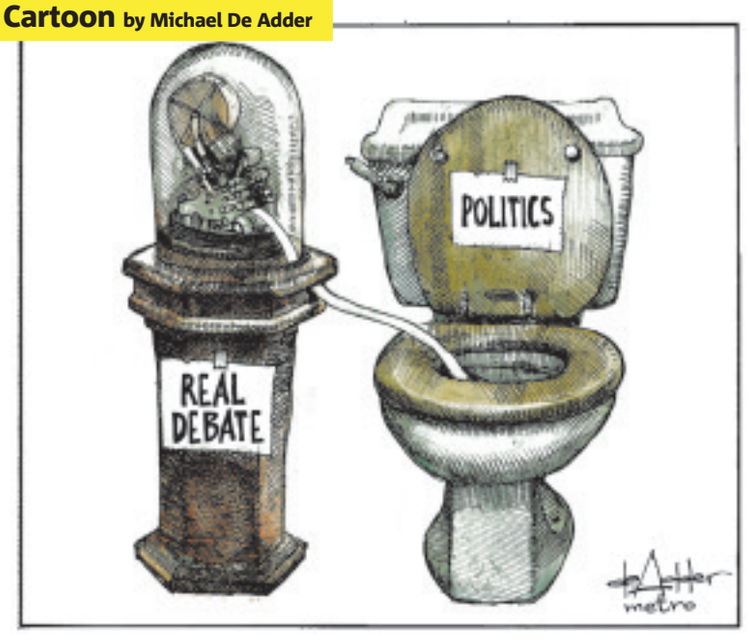

WEIRD NEWS

Something to sign his cheques with

Some say the pen is mightier than the sword. If true, Czech President Vaclav Klaus will soon be a very mighty man. More than 5,000 Czechs have signed up to a Facebook campaign to mail pens to the president after a video of him sheepishly pocketing a pen he took an obvious liking to during an official signing ceremony last week in Chile became widely popular on the Internet.

Klaus said it's customary for leaders to keep pens after signing accords. But the manner in which he sized up the pen — encrusted with semiprecious Chilean stones — and then sneakily slipped it into his pocket while he sat at a desk alongside Chilean President Sebastian Pinera has seen him ridiculed by some of his countrymen.

"It seemed to me absolutely inappropriate to do anything like that during an official ceremony," said Vojtech Palous, a 23-year-old student.

Campaign participants are being asked to send to the presidential office pens, pencils or other writing means on May 2 because "Mr. President obviously has nothing to write with." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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HANDOUT

▶ Death Angel are brining the noise to The Zoo tomorrow night.

Winnipeg shows love to metal bands

Cory Thomas, founder of Manitoba Metal Fest says it's gotten easier to book high-profile metal bands because the city's headbanging fans have a good reputation for attending shows

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Headbangers, meet your hero. Cory Thomas of Mount Elgon Productions is the man behind metal in Winnipeg, booking heavy local, national and international bands since 2001. The promoter and founder of the annual Manitoba Metal Fest is having a horn-raising 2011.

"This is my biggest year by far," says Thomas, 30. "In January I had Finntroll (Finland folk-metal) and then I had Kataklysm (Montreal death metal) a week later. Both those shows sold out, I couldn't believe it. It was -38C and there was a blizzard the day of Finntroll and still 350 people showed up and Kataklysm sold out The Park Theatre on a Monday night. Winnipeg has been great."

It certainly has. For Metal Fest in March, Thomas flew in Vancouver's 3 Inches of Blood and New York's Nuclear Assault and has since lined up such monumental metal bands as Death Angel, Brazil's Sepultura and in July, a death metal extravaganza featuring Hate Eternal, Origin and Vital Remains. The reason for this heavy metal explosion: reputation.

"It's getting easier and easier now that my name's getting bigger," Thomas says. "Eight years ago when I sent an offer to an agent they wouldn't reply to me, like 'Who is this chump?', now my year is filled up. It's almost overwhelming. Every month I have a show or two. I have some shows that I haven't even announced yet that people are going to sh*t their pants over."

Bringing high-profile heavy metal to Winnipeg might be easier, but it's certainly not trouble-free. In event promotion, there's a lot of money on the line and sometimes you lose. Thomas admits he's thought about quitting once or twice, but then he remembers why he does it.

"I love to see the looks on people's faces," Thomas says. "After a show people come up to me and shake my hand and say 'Thanks so much for bringing in this band.' I don't care if I make money, just as long as I break even, just as long as it keeps happening. Think back 10 years ago, how many big metal shows did Winnipeg have a year? Two? Three? Now we have two or three a month. Winnipeg is on the map now."

Foundations.

▶ **Death Angel.** Formed in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1982, Filipino-American thrash metal band Death Angel is a product of the same scene that birthed heavy metal juggernauts Megadeth, Slayer and Metallica. Despite numerous line-up changes the band continues to perform and release music, most recently 2010's Relentless Retribution. Check 'em out tomorrow at The Zoo. Tickets available at Into the Music, Music Trader and ticketworkshop.com.

Scene in brief

People magazine named Jennifer Lopez the World's Most Beautiful Woman. The singer, actress and American Idol judge tops the annual list of the World's Most Beautiful. Lopez is joined on this honour roll by such lovelies as Halle Berry, Jennifer Garner and Beyoncé Knowles.
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Simon follows an intimate disc with a scaled-down concert tour

Bieber frustrated by Israeli media

Aggressive papparazzi and politics plaguing his visit to the holy land

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▶ Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber's trip to Israel is off to a rocky start — tentative plans to meet the prime minister have fallen through under contentious circumstances, and the teen heartthrob says he has holed himself up in his hotel to escape the country's notoriously aggressive paparazzi.

Bieber, adored by young fans worldwide for hits like Baby, arrived in Israel on Monday and was planning to spend the week sightseeing ahead of an outdoor concert in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

The 17-year-old artist has set off a wave of excitement, with young females camped outside his hotel and photographers aggressively following him at every stop.

Even Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appears to have been caught up in the hype. Officials in his office said the Israeli leader had hoped to meet the singer, but hinted that politics had scuttled the visit.

A spokesman for Netanyahu said Bieber's representatives had initiated the meeting.

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Talking points

Cowell nears billionaire status

PEOPLE It's no surprise that Simon Cowell brings in a decent salary — if $208,000 a day is considered decent. In just a nine-month span in 2009, Cowell earned $52.8 million thanks to American Idol, America's Got Talent and the X Factor. And within the next six years, Cowell could even hit billionaire status, since he now owns all of his musical and television assets, including the U.K. and U.S. versions of the X Factor.

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Celebrity tweets

Joan Rivers [@Joan_Rivers] Just arrived in the U.K. People here are taking "The King's Speech" Oscar win very seriously! Everyone in London now has a stutter.

Chris Colfer [@chriscolfer] I finally downloaded Angry Birds. I haven't slept in four days...

Zooey Deschanel [@therealzooeyd] I feel bad for wimps who can't drink coffee at night. sorry, wimps, coffee tastes just as good at night.

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Up & Down

Days of the week underwear
Never forget which day it is again with Stella McCartney's Knickers of the Week.

American Apparel
Dov Charney's empire is once-again on the brink of implod-ing. If it does not raise cash by April 30, it may be forced to file Chapter 11 bank-ruptcy, Howard Davidowitz told Women's Wear Daily.

Brit Williamson is ready to share his bohemian look with mainstream America.

Maxi skirts for every budget

- Skirts are dramatically long and easy breezy for spring
- Perfect to kick your legs up in

After years of gut-sucking cigarette jeans and trousers, the maxi skirt phenomenon that has taken over spring feels like a liberating revolution. You can look chic and stunning without worrying about how many carbs you ate the day before. It's a win-win. KENYA HUNT

Trend of the week

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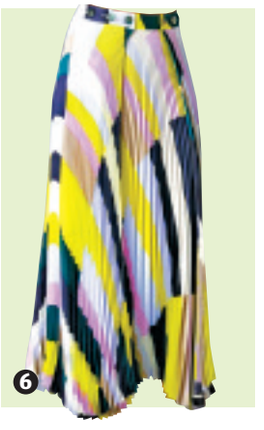
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pleated maxi
$1,980, **netaporter.com**

4 ZARA
printed skirt, $65, **zara.com**

2 DELIA'S
tie-dye skirt
$45, **delias.com**

5 FREE PEOPLE
$148, **freepeople.com**

3 ANTHROPOLOGIE
striped skirt
$160, **anthropologie.com**

6 SUNO
pleated skirt, $800, **shopbop.com**

Model-ready your hair

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The Kit models are busy women, and have a lot to say when it comes to keeping their hair in top shape. Here are some of their tips:

- Air-dry your hair as much as possible before blow-drying to limit the amount of heat you're blasting at it.
- Always use styling products that help hair stand up to the rigours of the curling or flat iron.
- Choose the best products for your particular hair, whether it's thin hair that could use some volumizing, or colour-treated hair that requires the right conditioner.
- Hair masks help hydrate and condition hair. Schedule a date with yourself once a week for a mask.

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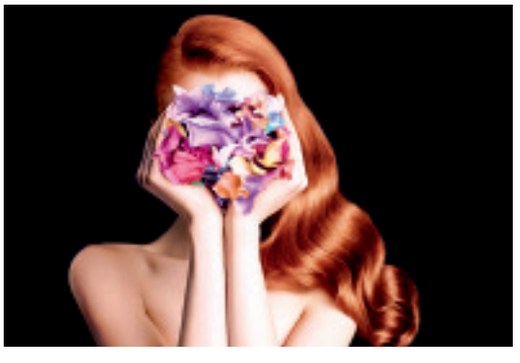

KARL-EDWIN GUERRE

Get this guy's style

This chap's style hinges on his expert layering and off-kilter touches like the geek-chic spectacles and roughly tied trench. We round up the building blocks of his look.

1 UNIQLO OXFORD SHIRT
$32, uniqlo.com

2 BANANA REPUBLIC TRENCH
$284
bananarepublic.gap.com

3 SAINT JAMES CANCALE II SWEATER
$132, oipolloi.com

4 DOCKERS CHINOS
$124,
my-wardrobe.com

5 JOHN LOBB MONK SHOE
$1,063, mrporter.com

6 POLO RALPH LAUREN MADRAS BOW TIE
$70, ralphlauren.com

7 LEVIS JACKET
$161, asos.com

8 CUTLER & GROSS GLASSES
$460,
www.cutlerandgross.com

9 RENEWAL LEATHER SATCHEL
$52, urbanoutfitters.com

RICHARD PECKETT

Two best friends are setting trends

Hayley Kiyoko and Naomi Scott are the next generation of Disney Channel starlets, and these BFFs are getting a crash course in signing autographs, security guards and singing on live TV.

They've hit the media circuit this week and have a premiere to attend before Friday's debut of the TV movie Lemonade Mouth, about kids forming a band. But if this whole experience has been "just weird, just crazy" – Scott's words – dressing the part hasn't been.

Kiyoko, 20, seems poised to become a fashion force, gravitating toward funky styles, wearing a leather cowboy shirt and shorts with tights. She even pulls off the leather fanny pack that she feels fairly passionate about. ("I love the fanny pack because I hate bringing those Mary Poppins big bags everywhere," she says. "I can wear this and keep my stuff safe and I can always reach my phone and lip gloss.")

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▶ Hailey Kiyoko, left and Naomi Scott star in Lemonade Mouth.

Her taste is "left of centre," and while she enjoys very much the self-expression that comes with fashion, the shopping part is mediocre, she says. The maximum time limit at the mall for this Los Angeles-area native is 90 minutes.

Scott would rather be shopping for candy and other sweets, although she likes the occasional spin through a Zara or an All-Saints shop. "Fashion" isn't really her thing, she says, although she's quickly realizing that paying attention to her clothes, and her beauty and grooming routines are all part of her job.

Looking good exudes a confidence that she hopes her new tween fans will learn, she says, but she wants the emphasis to be on a good, healthy outlook, not on perfection.

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Kate's perfect pair?

PHOTO COURTESY OF ARUNA SETH

Kate Middleton is allegedly planning on wearing ballet flats on her wedding day. In fact, rumour has it Kate may wear four or five different pairs of shoes throughout the celebration.

We probably won't know many details until April 29th, but London designer Aruna Seth received an official letter from Buckingham Palace informing her that her designs were being considered.

Any bride —princess or not — would be overjoyed to walk down the aisle in these bejewelled nude patent leather flats. Powder, a bridal boutique in Woodbridge, Ontario, is the exclusive Canadian retailer for Aruna Seth shoes.

NICOLE KEEN/
WEDDINGBELLS.CA

Get ready for home renos

Come spring, winter-weary Canadians tend to focus their thoughts on outdoor projects in anticipation of those hot days of summer Here are four popular home renovation projects

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All decked out

Decking is the No. 1 home renovation project of choice, says Liz Martin, a project guide with Rona, which offers customers free in-store deck designs, from basic to sophisticated, in an assortment of materials.

"Spring is about extending your living space," says Martin. "You're opening your doors and making the outside inviting."

A basic pressure-treated 10-by-10-foot deck will cost around $1,000 for the do-it-yourselfer; a 20-by-20-foot deck would run $2,800.

A decking material homeowners should consider, says Martin, is interlocking stone, which is maintenance free, has a longer lifespan than wood and generally offers more privacy as stone platforms are typically built lower to the ground.

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Curb appeal

Now's also the time to think curb appeal. Consider an asphalt driveway to neaten up your existing gravel or dirt driveway.

The beauty of asphalt is that it's far more flexible than concrete so it's less likely to crack. It's also cheaper than concrete and sets faster.

Asphalt driveways are not likely a do-it-yourself job. Be careful when looking for a paving contractor, as the profession doesn't have the best reputation. Try looking for contractors at handycanadian.com, a website that helps consumers connect with reputable contractors.

The cost of a new asphalt drive will cost from about $2 to $3.50 per square foot, says Kevin Guidolin of Upper Canada Asphalt.

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Landscape to perfection

Major landscaping is not a job for the faint of heart. Not only do you need time and patience, but if you're doing it all at once, it can be costly.

There are ways to break up the expense. A step-by-step approach, whether professionally installed or planted by hand, helps spread out the cost, according to Home Depot.

Before planting anything, you'll need to install your drainage and consider irrigation.

Map out your paths and patios. Think about vertical focal points such as trees, gazebos or pergolas.

With these in place, you're ready to fill in your landscape canvas with beds, shrubs and other plant materials over time.

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About the garage

Extending your indoor living space into the garage is a good idea if you're short on funds or can't stomach the disruption of a major addition.

The first thing you need to do is check with your local building inspector to ensure the coast is clear for the conversion.

Many garages already have existing plumbing and electricity in place so that's not as expensive as installing from scratch.

This is probably the most cost-effective means to add a few hundred square feet to your living space.

When a tree falls, protect your home and wallet

When a tree came down on the roof of Peter R. Rosenblatt's Washington, D.C., home during a snowstorm this winter, he knew the drill. He'd been through the same thing a few months earlier.

"We called in the insurance company and the roofer and the arborist," he said.

Last year, severe storms caused more than $12 million in U.S. property damage. Although there are no specific statistics on how much of that was caused by falling trees, they are a frequent source of damage to homes and power lines.

Old and diseased trees are vulnerable to high winds and flooding, but even the healthiest trees can come crashing down.

When that happens, says Eric Liskey, deputy garden editor for Better Homes and Gardens, "it sounds like guns going off the way the wood cracks."

"In an emergency situation, you don't have time to search contractor licences."
BRYAN NOWICKI, OWNER, SELECT RESTORATION

The first thing to do is to make sure everyone is OK. "If you feel unsafe, you pretty much need to just leave the property," Liskey said.

If wires are down, call the police and the power company. Then call the insurance company.

Take pictures or video of the damage, if you can.

"You and 500 people are trying to get help," Liskey said. "The officials involved get to it as quickly as they can. There isn't a whole lot to do other than wait it out."

When a tree comes down in a storm and hits a house, garage, deck or fence, the damage is probably covered under a homeowners' policy, less the deductible.

"This is where, when something goes wrong, I want my insurance to work for me," said Mary Ann Cook, who designs course materials for the Institutes, which provides professional development for the risk-management and property-casualty insurance industry. The insurer can help you find contractors who will quickly cover the roof to prevent further water damage or board up any broken windows. "Remediation services can get out there pronto," Cook said.

"In an emergency situation, you don't have time to search contractor licences or Better Business Bureau reports," said Bryan Nowicki, owner of Select Restoration. "It's the luck of the draw. There are a lot of scam artists who come out when a storm happens."

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Spring into spring with fresh asparagus dishes

From unique flatbreads to risottos, this veggie brings out great flavours

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Bring the taste of California to your table when you serve this delicious and unique flatbread. This creation is sure to be a crowd pleaser, providing a fusion of pizza and salad. With vibrant spring colours and bright flavours, it makes a terrific family brunch option served with a lightly dressed salad of mixed greens and ripe tomatoes.

You can also cut the flatbreads into small squares for a fresh appetizer.

Preparation:

1. In food processor, purée avocado with milk, basil, lemon juice, salt, pepper and pepper flakes until smooth. (Add extra milk as needed to achieve a mixture that is easy to drizzle.)
2. Bring pot of salted water to boil. Add asparagus; after 1 minute add red pepper and cook for 2 minutes. Transfer asparagus and red pepper to ice water; drain and dry well. Cut asparagus in half, lengthwise.
3. Blend oil with garlic and brush over flatbreads; bake in 425 F (220 C) oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp and golden; transfer to a cutting board. Drizzle half of avocado mix over breads. Garnish with asparagus, red pepper, onion and prosciutto; drizzle with additional sauce.

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▶ This recipe makes eight entrée servings.

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe avocado
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) milk (approx.)
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) fresh basil leaves
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- Pinch crushed hot pepper flakes
- 16 asparagus spears, trimmed
- Half small red pepper, very thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) very thinly sliced red onion
- 3 thin slices prosciutto, torn into pieces
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 prepared plain flatbreads or focaccia, about 12 x 7–inch (30cm x 18cm)

Asparagus & Mushroom Risotto

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup (75 mL) canola and vegetable oil blend
- 1 cup (250 mL) diced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) dry white wine
- 2 cups (500 mL) arborio rice
- 6 cups (1.5 L) chicken broth
- 1lb (500g) fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 inch (2.5 cm) pieces
- 8 oz (250 g) shitake or small portobello mushrooms, sliced
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) shaved Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper

Preparation:

1. In large sauce pan heat 3 tbsp (45 mL) of the oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook for 3 to 4 minutes until softened.
2. Increase heat to high, add white wine and cook for about 3 minutes or until almost dry. Stir in rice and cook for 2 minutes until completely coated with oil. Add 1 cup (250 mL) of chicken broth, stirring constantly until most of the liquid is absorbed by the rice.
3. Gradually stir in remaining broth, 1 cup (250 mL) at a time; cooking and stirring until liquid is absorbed before adding the next cup.
4. Heat remaining oil in large nonstick skillet. Add asparagus and sauté for 1 minute then stir in mushrooms. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until mushrooms just begin to sweat. Remove from heat and set aside until risotto is nearly finished cooking. Risotto is ready after the last cup of broth has been stirred in and rice has thickened.
5. Remove from heat and stir in asparagus, mushrooms and parmesan cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Top with additional shaved parmesan, if desired, and serve immediately.

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4 sports

Wings handle Coyotes in Game 1

Pavel Datsyuk and Johan Franzen scored midway through the second period to put the Detroit Red Wings ahead, and they went on to beat the Phoenix Coyotes 4-2 last night in Game 1 of the first-round playoff series.

Brian Rafalski and Jiri Hudler padded Detroit's lead late in the second period and early in the third.

Jimmy Howard made 26 saves for the third-seeded Red Wings.

Kyle Turris scored 2:16 in to put Phoenix ahead in his playoff debut. Radim Vrbata had a goal midway through the third period to pull the sixth-seeded Coyotes within two goals, but they couldn't get any closer.

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RED WINGS	COYOTES

Ilya Bryzgalov made 32 saves, but gave up three goals on 17 shots in the second.

The Red Wings lost their post-season opener last year at Phoenix, where they won Game 7.

Detroit got off to a better start this time in large part because it killed four penalties in the first period — including a 5-on-3 power play that lasted 91 seconds — and dominated the second to build a two-goal lead.

The Red Wings seemed to get energized when Datsyuk tied it 1-1 at 7:38 of the second. He scored on a wraparound off an assist from Franzen, who then scored the go-ahead goal 4½ minutes later.

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Fleury stands tall for Penguins

Short-handed Pittsburgh uses grit and great goaltending to win Game 1

Alex Kovalev and Arron Asham scored third-period goals 18 seconds apart and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 32 shots to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 3-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning in the first-round playoff opener in Pittsburgh last night.

Chris Kunitz sealed the win with an empty-net goal in the final minute in the Penguins' first post-season game in the Consol Energy Center. Brooks Orpik, who had two assists, set the tone with a heavy and clean check on Lightning star Steven Stamkos to start the game.

Fleury made spectacular saves — including a blind stop on former Penguins forward Ryan Malone in the first period — and shut down the Lightning's high-powered offence. Fleury earned his fifth playoff shutout, one short of tying Tom Barrasso's franchise record.

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▶ Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury blocks a shot last night by Tampa Bay's Teddy Purcell.

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"Kobe Bryant's comment during last night's game was offensive and inexcusable."

NBA COMMISSIONER DAVID STERN.

THE NBA FINED KOBE BRYANT $100,000 US YESTERDAY FOR USING A DEROGATORY GAY TERM WHEN REFEREE BENNIE ADAMS CALLED A TECHNICAL FOUL ON HIM TUESDAY NIGHT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF L.A.'S WIN OVER SAN ANTONIO.

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NHL pours water on Winnipeg rumours

The NHL has rejected a report stating the Phoenix Coyotes are headed back to Winnipeg after the playoffs.

The Fan 590, a Toronto all-sports radio station, reported the move yesterday citing multiple sources.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly was quick to deny it, saying the league remains focused on completing a sale that would keep the team in Arizona.

"The report is untrue," Daly said in a statement. "No decisions have been made at this point in time."

The clock is ticking on Matthew Hulsizer as he continues to try to complete his purchase of the NHL team for a reported $170 million US.

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Sports in brief

Bynum injury not serious

NBA. An MRI on L.A. Lakers centre Andrew Bynum yesterday showed only a bone bruise in his troublesome right knee.

The team says he should be able to play this weekend when the Lakers begin their quest for a third straight NBA title.

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Madrid rolls past Spurs

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE. Real Madrid beat Tottenham 1-0 yesterday in the Champions League quarter-finals. Cristiano Ronaldo scored the only goal in a win for the Spanish club.

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▶ Jose Bautista hits a three-run homer in the eighth inning against the Seattle Mariners yesterday.

Blue Jays salvage one against Seattle

- Jose Bautista's home run sparks 6-run inning to help Jays avoid sweep
- Team has today off before closing out 10-game trip with three in Boston

Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer off Seattle reliever Chris Ray, part of Toronto's six-run eighth inning, and the Blue Jays avoided a three-game sweep by rallying for an 8-3 win over the Mariners yesterday.

Much to the delight of the many Blue Jays fans that made the drive down from B.C., Bautista unloaded on a 2-1 breaking ball that Ray left in the middle of the plate, hitting it into the Toronto bullpen in left field — where reliever Jon Rauch caught the homer as he was warming up.

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BLUE JAYS	MARINERS

It was Bautista's third homer of the season and snapped a 17-inning scoreless streak by the Mariners' bullpen, ruining a strong start by Seattle lefty Jason Vargas. Toronto sent 11 batters to the plate in the inning.

Toronto's Mark Rzepczynski worked two innings of hitless relief to get the victory.

Toronto rookie starter Kyle Drabek left in the sixth inning, giving up six hits, striking out five and walking four.

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So long, Carlos

Former Blue Jay Carlos Delgado gave up yesterday on coming back from a hip injury, announcing his retirement in his native Puerto Rico.

▶ He played 17 major-league seasons, finishing with 473 homers and a .280 batting average.

Raptors fall in season finale

The Toronto Raptors ended a forgettable season with one final loss before heading into a summer of uncertainty.

Eddie House poured in 35 points to lead a watered-down version of the Miami Heat to a 97-79 victory over the Raptors yesterday — the finale for Toronto in its third straight season without a playoff appearance.

Jerryd Bayless topped Toronto (22-60) with 21 points, while DeMar DeRozan added 18.

Having already locked up the No. 2 seed in the East, the Heat sat their Big Three — former Raptors captain Chris Bosh, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade.

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HEAT	RAPTORS

DeRozan addressed the Air Canada Centre crowd before the game, saying, "Thank you for supporting us all season, we can't wait for next year, and enjoy the game." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

Raonic gets second shot at Ferrer

TENNIS. Canadian Milos Raonic welcomes today's rematch with David Ferrer for a place in the Monte Carlo Masters quarter-finals.

Ferrer, who beat fellow Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 6-2, 6-0 yesterday, defeated Raonic at the Australian Open in Melbourne in their only previous meeting. The Spaniard is ranked sixth in the world, compared to No. 34 for Raonic.

The 20-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., is set for a move into the ATP Top 30, guaranteeing him a seeding at the French Open. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hotel valet sues Lebron's mother

MIAMI. A valet at a Miami hotel is suing the mother of the Miami Heat's LeBron James, claiming she verbally abused him and assaulted him while he was working.

Rock Feller Sorel made the allegations against Gloria James in a lawsuit filed yesterday. She was arrested and charged with simple battery and disorderly intoxication last week.

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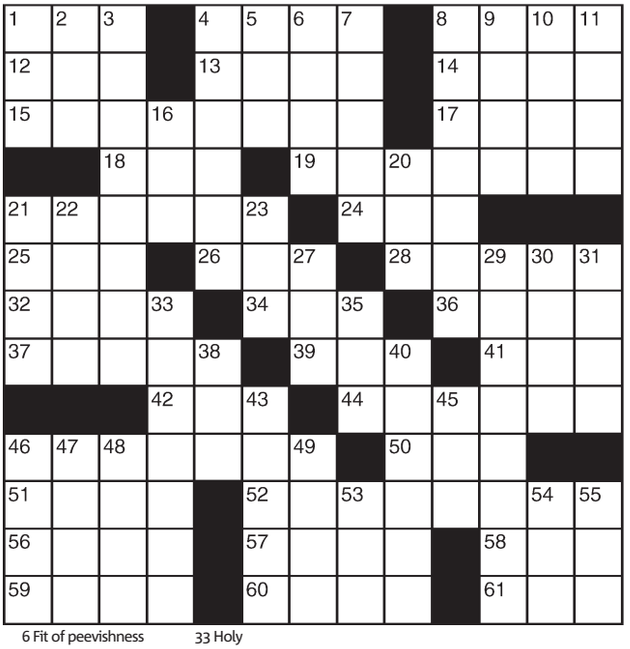

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▶ Yesterday's answer

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

Sian, when I met you 6 months ago my life took a dramatic turn for the better. Thank you for standing by me through the good and the bad, the funny and the sad...I am truly lucky to have you in my life

Happy 19th bday shroom' your finally legal :) party hardy !!!...love you so much
ROMZ <3

Happy Birthday babe! Enjoy the 23rd lvl! It's all down from here MUAHAHA well not really. don't forget to do all those things you can't do any other day of the year.
YOUR CHOCOLATE LOCO [BAR]

Kitten <3,
I know it's been hard and our trust has been put to the test but we both know we're right for each other. So what is it to be? yes or no?... will we share another game of tekken ?
LOVE, PUPEE :)

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min -8°	Min -4°	Min-2°
Max 7°	Max 6°	Max 6°

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning." **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You have a knack for reading people's body language. Use it.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may want to withdraw into your shell. It would be a waste.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 No matter how busy you are at work, you must free up time to spend with your friends.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 A throwaway remark might not be meant seriously but certain people will take it seriously, so be careful what you say.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Make it your business to find out why certain people are behaving erratically. You'll be surprised.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You'll start to see solutions where before you saw problems.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Do you get involved in a dispute that is none of your business? You better decide quickly.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you can get others to do a large slice of your work for you today then do so.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you need help today, ask for it. Don't wait for others to notice you're having a hard time.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Others will sense your confidence and offer to do things for you. Why deny them?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You'll find it easy to express yourself. Others will get you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You'll hear something that pleases you. Don't be suspicious of it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Caption contest

DMITRY LOVETSKY

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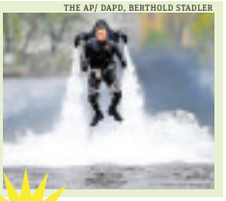

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